

Mackerel News.

The receipts of foreign salt mackerel at Boston this week have been 1470 bbls., 1265 bbls. from Canada and 200 bbls. from Ireland. The Canadian mackerel are quoted from first hands at \$10 to \$10.50 per bbl. for 3s, which comprise the chief receipts. 2s are quoted at about \$12 per bbl. and P. E. I. mackerel from \$11 to \$13, according to quality. The 200 bbls. Irish are the first receipts of new Fall Irish mackerel in this city this season. They are reported to be of nice quality, fat and white, and sold at \$13 per bbl. Advices from Ireland are to the effect that fishing is light, and indications point to the curing of a small amount of fish. The catch is being shipped largely to the English markets. The receipts of new Irish count from 317 to 329 fish to a barrel.

Salt mackerel receipts this week have been about 1400 barrels. For the corresponding week last year 219 barrels were landed.

The New England catch of salt mackerel to date is about 86,000 barrels.

The imports of new salt mackerel at Boston to date are 22,956 barrels.

The receipts of Irish and Norway mackerel this week are at Boston 200 bbls. Irish, and at New York 308 bbls. Irish and 1000 bbls. Norway.

The fare of sch. Olga sold to John Pew & Son and that of sch. Vera to George Perkins & Son at \$15 per bbl.

The draggers went out on Friday, but came back without setting their nets.

Schs. Marguerite Haskins, Lizzie M. Center and N. A. Rowe arrived at Newport on Friday. There is nothing doing out that way and the prospect looks dry.

Sch. Pleiades landed 80 bbls. salt mackerel at Provincetown on Tuesday and has hauled up for the season at Wellfleet.

Sch. Glenelg of Provincetown has abandoned the mackerel seining fishery.

MACKEREL SITUATION.

Why the Price of Salt Mackerel Has Declined of Late.

Outlook at Block Island Is Considered Very Poor.

The reason for the decline in the price of salt mackerel from \$16.50 per barrel, the highest price of the season, to \$15 per barrel here at the end of the season when fish are scarcer than ever seems to be because trade has slackened up and the buyers feel that they do not want to take the chances of carrying any amount of the fat, poorly-coopered fish over to next season. Then again there are rumors of the pack in Ireland.

The demand from the country the past two years has been for mackerel which will retail at either five or ten cents apiece and pay the retailer and wholesaler an established profit. It is count and not weight. The mackerel being landed at present are half extras and go from 165 to 175 count to a barrel. These at the prices which would have to be asked for them prohibits their being sold at any where near the above figures by the retailer.

Then again are rumors of the increase in the pack in Ireland, caused by news of the advance in price here and the fact that these Irish fish count about 1280 to 320 to the barrel, which makes desirable sizes for the retailer, has made the buyers here adverse to investing in our local fish. If there had been any extensive late fall catch here, there would have been quite a slump in the market.

When our shore catch can be sold at a price so that the retailer can put them out for five or ten cents apiece there is no limit to the quantity that the country will take, and when enough can be caught by our fishermen so that they can be sold at those prices, no foreign fish can enter into competition.

It has been said that if we get a catch of 100,000 barrels this year, the country was not in shape so that they could be marketed; with a catch of 85,000 barrels landed by New England fishermen and a large amount of fat fish furnished by the Prov-inces gone into consumption, it is an established fact that it is a question of price and not of quantity.

A catch of 250,000 barrels would be absorbed and consumed by the country as readily as these have been, provided the price showed the distributors a profit.

Monday Oct 29th

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. George F. Edmunds, Boston Bay, 105 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Blanche, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. cod, 15,000 lbs. haddock, 3000 lbs. hake.

Sch. Geneva Mertis, shore, 16,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. S. F. Maker, 20,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Mist, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Nickerson, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Pythian, via Boston.

Sch. Sea Fox, Provincetown, 200 qtls. cured cod.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, via Boston.

Sch. Livonia, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Clara R, Harwood, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Oceanus, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. J. W. Bradley, shore, 1000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Jessie, shore.

Sch. Elmer E. Randall, shore, 12,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Robin Hood, Georges.

Sch. Rob Roy, haddock.

Sch. Braganza, haddock.

Sch. Agnes E. Downes, haddock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Epes Tarr, pollocking.

To-day's Market.

Board of Trade prices: large handline Georges cod, \$3 3-4 per cwt., medium do., \$2 1-2; large trawl Georges, \$3 1-2, medium do., \$2 3-8; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$3 1-2; medium do., \$2 3-8; large trawl bank cod, \$2 5-8; medium do., \$2 1-8; large dory handline cod, \$2.75, medium do., \$2.25.

Splitting prices, large cod, \$1.90; medium do., \$1.25; snapper do., 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.15; snapper do., 40 cts.; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 95 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Rips cod, \$3.75 per cwt. for large, \$2.50 for medium and \$1.50 for snappers.

Outside sales dory handline cod, \$.300 per cwt. for large and \$2.50 for medium.

Outside sales of bank cod \$3.00 and \$2.25 per cwt. for large and medium.

Outside sale of Georges cod, \$4 1-8 per hundred weight for large and \$2.62 for medium.

Outside sale of Rips cod, \$4.15 per cwt for large and \$2.80 for medium.

Bank halibut, 12 1-2 cents per lb. for white and 9 cents for gray.

Salt mackerel, \$15 per bbl.

Fresh mackerel, 14 cents each.

Fresh pollock, 65 cts. per cwt.

Boston.

Oct. 29—Ar., sch. Lettie G. Howard, 5000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 20,000 hake.

Sch. Hattie & Lottie, 12,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Maud S., 3500 haddock, 3500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Isaac Collins, 15,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Mary G. Powers, 20,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 35,000 hake.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 800 haddock, 700 cod, 4000 hake.

Sloop Venus, 1500 haddock, 2000 hake.

Sch. Joseph Warren, 2000 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Gov. Russell, 10,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. New England, 25,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Lydia, 20 bbls. herring.

Sch. Gracie Freeman, 15 bbls. herring.

Sch. Cavaire, 20,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 12,000 hake.

Sloop Two Sisters, 500 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Edna Perry, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod

Sch. Gloriana, 12,000 haddock, 7000 cod 18,000 hake.

Sch. Nannie C. Bohlin, 24,000 cod, 18,000 halibut.

Haddock \$3 to \$3.50, large cod \$3.25 to \$3.75, small do. \$2.50 to \$3.50, hake \$1 to \$1.25, cusk \$1.25, pollock \$1.25, halibut 13 and 10 cents.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Nannie C. Bohlin at Boston this morning, reports speaking sch. Niagara of this port on the Banks.

Sch. Sea Fox is at this port from Provincetown with cured fish for Slade Gordon & Co.

Schs. Puritan and Winona of this port were at Oanseo on Saturday.

Schs. Carleton Belle and Bertha D. Nickerson of Boothbay have fitted for Newfoundland salt herring trips.

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Sch. Angielena, Capt. Joseph, of Provincetown is to sail south after the close of the mackerel season, and engage in fishing in the Gulf of Mexico, with headquarters at Pensacola.

Steamer A. B. Nickerson of Provincetown, has abandoned mackereling for the season.

New Vessel.

S. Nickerson & Sons of Boothbay Harbor, Me., have contracted with W. I. Adams & Son, of East Boothbay, to build a first class schooner suitable for mackerel or bank fishing. She will be of the latest style model, of 133 tons register, and up to date in every particular.

Halibut at Boston.

Sch. Nannie C. Bohlin arrived at Boston this morning with 18,000 pounds of halibut and 24,000 pound of scod. The halibut sold for 13 and 10 cents per pound.

Bank Cod Sale.

The fare of sch. S. P. Willard sold to Cunningham & Thompson at \$3 per hundred weight for large and \$2.25 for medium.